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EXDIS

E.O. 11562: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, NU

SUBJECT: EXDIS, SPECAT - SOMOZA HEART ATTACK

1. APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY P.M. JULY 25, JOSE SOMOZA ABREGO, PRESIDENT'S NEPHEW, TOLD DEFATT THAT PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA DEBAYLE HAD SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK EARLIER IN THE DAY. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS DEFATT SPOKE WITH DR. RAUL LAGOS, PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, DR. EDMUNDO BERNHEIM, AND DR. (FNU) PHILLIPS, HEART SPECIALIST FROM MIAMI, AT MILITARY HOSPITAL. THEY SAID PRESIDENT'S CONDITION WAS STABILIZED AND THEY DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY REQUIREMENT FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ON OUR PART. DEFATT'S OBSERVATION, FOLLOWING OFFER OF ASSISTANCE, WAS THAT DOCTORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS FELT SITUATION UNDER CONTROL AND PRESUMABLY NOT CRITICAL.

2. FIRST INDICATION OF MEDICAL PROBLEM WAS RECEIVED BY USMILGP MEMBER WHO HEARD THERE HAD BEEN AN ATTACK ON PRESIDENT SOMOZA BY FSLN REVOLUTIONARIES. EMBASSY UNABLE TO VERIFY OR DENY THIS VERSION AT THIS TIME (APPROX. ONE A.M. MANAGUA TIME) BUT LACK OF ANY APPARENT MILITARY SECURITY MEASURES IN CITY CAUSE US TO BELIEVE THIS IS STRICTLY MEDICAL PROBLEM. ONLY SMALL GROUP OF SOMOZA FAMILY MEMBERS AND MILITARY AND CIVILIAN INTIMATES AWARE OF THIS TIGHTLY HELD INFORMATION.

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3. ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. NO ACTION IS REQUESTED OR NECESSARY NOW. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS AS KNOWN. RUBENSTEIN

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